



President's Briefing June 27, 2015

Purpose: To provide information to members about professional regulation, the functions of the college and its committees, practice guidelines and practice advisories. Each email will highlight one committee, one professional practice guideline, and one practice advisory. Committee highlights will give you some idea of what kind of commitment a member makes to serve on a committee, or council.

Groups seek the privilege of professional self-regulation because it legitimizes their occupation and elevates it to a profession. It also gives legal protection to the use of title, and in some cases describes the scope of practice for that profession (not in our case unfortunately, one of the colleges many tasks is to see this is corrected).

In my term as president I will encourage you to participate in the functioning of the college in order to maintain this privilege for our profession. I wish to remove the word, "volunteer" in reference to participating in college functioning because participation should be considered a professional obligation.

The Registration Committee makes recommendations to council about credentialing policy, re-entry and refresher programs. The committee reviews applications for registration and the Authorized Practice Endorsement, and monitors members with provisional licences. Average time commitment is one 2-2 ½ hour meeting approx. 10 times a year.

Professional Practice Guidelines:

This is a 74 page document you must read. The guidelines can be found under the Member Information tab, at the bottom of the menu list. Here is one guideline.

- . 7.4 Inappropriate communications A member must not communicate with or about the College or a member in a manner that would reasonably be regarded by members as rude, disparaging, disrespectful or as a discredit to the profession.

Practice Advisory:

Recently there has been a great deal of discussion concerning social work being given the authority to diagnose mental disorders. A practice advisory explaining the College's involvement in this matter, can be found on our website; see menu tab – member information/advisories/practice advisories/Diagnostic privilege and the profession of social work

Cheers,

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